

Memorial Messenger

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Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is canned corn. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

On October 1, 5:45-7:15 P.M., Memorial will host **National Night Out**, part of a nation-wide effort to strengthen communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better. The event will feature games for the children, a welcome table, ice cream floats, and cookies and pop corn. The fire and police departments will be present to talk about community awareness.



Kids' Club and confirmation class will not meet on October 9, due to Fall Break in the Norman Public Schools.

Fall Clean-up day will be October 19. We will begin at 8:00 A.M. and continue until the work is finished.

Memorial has launched a **new email newsletter** to supplement—not replace—the Messenger. Please sign up for it by visiting our website or Facebook page and looking for the link to sign up, or by contacting the church office and requesting that your email address be added to the list. The new newsletter will be emailed approximately the middle of each month, serving as a way to share timely news, announcements, and reminders.

Trunk or Treat: Thursday, October 31, 6:30 to 7:45 P.M., the Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will host Trunk or Treat. Everyone is invited to participate. We will need trunks of all types—scary, silly, colorful, simple, complex and unique—to line the front parking lot, and to pass out candy to the visiting community trick-or-treaters. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the food tent where we will be serving hot dogs, pop corn, bottled water and pickles. We will also have some games for the kids to play and will need volunteers to oversee these games. Watch for sign up sheets for volunteers and for donation items for this event. Last year was a big success and I know this year will be even bigger!—Lisa Upton



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Men's Breakfast: On Saturday morning, November 2, at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall, there will be the second men's pot luck breakfast of the 2013-14 Memorial church year. As we did last August, participants are to bring their favorite breakfast food item to share with all. Following a time for good eating and fine fellowship, we will have the privilege of having our own, the Honorable Charles Johnson, speak on the timely topic, the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution. Issues such as freedom of speech and religion, gun rights, and privacy are a few of the issues which confront our country today, and could be discussed in the context of Judge Johnson's expertise. All men of the church are welcome, as well as their guests.—Harry Wright

Attention: Thanks to the generosity of our members, our Library has more books than its shelves can accommodate. Please do not donate more books until further notice, as it will take some time to catch up with recent donations.

A blessed "Thank You" to all who contributed to the Clean-Up Bucket project. Approximately 30 buckets were delivered to the Pecan Valley Disaster Assistance site in Newalla, OK. In addition to the 11 buckets from Memorial, there were 19 additional buckets from sister churches in Sand Springs, OK and Mexia, TX. Even though it is more blessed to give than to receive, our joy in delivering these much needed supplies, however, was truly diminished by the gratitude of the recipients. Their need was so obvious as we saw, first-hand, the aftermath of the tornado damage on the community and its residents, who for the most part had no insurance.—Mission & Evangelism Committee.



Clean-up Buckets

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

It was Monday morning, and I got a call from the church. Terry called to tell me that the TV was missing from the Fellowship Hall. Norman police were quick to respond, and we soon found the thief (or thieves) had been in my office and the church office, too, and we discovered more missing items.

Skip to Tuesday, and I'm on-line, checking out a charge on my credit card. I notice a charge to a place I haven't been to in quite some time, and then realize that my card number had been compromised and there were some \$6800 in charges made in the previous week (and for the record, I have the card in my possession).

Both of these events made me feel vulnerable.

Learning that someone that I didn't know had been through my desk, and took some things of mine. Knowing that my own credit card account had been abused.

Now, both of these things were rectified; we found all the stolen items in our storage shed (really?), and I'm not responsible for any of the credit card charges.

As I reflected on my feelings of vulnerability, it occurred to me that though these situations were negative, vulnerability can be a positive feeling, too.

Vulnerability is a funny thing. We are vulnerable when we are in a position of weakness. Since our society seems to put such a value on strength, it may seem that weakness is something to be avoided. But we need to remember that we are called to follow the one who intentionally became human—took on weakness—in order to save us. God sent Jesus on our behalf.

The vulnerability I felt this week reminded me of what I deem important in my life. I could look at my personal possessions that had been taken and decide if losing them was worth energy and anxiety (they weren't). My credit card situation reminded me of how much I have been given and that I am called to be a steward of my resources.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to look at what is most important to you, and even to find that vulnerability can be a welcome feeling.

Peace to you,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Session approved providing \$250 to Second Wind out of the local mission budget. Session also approved giving 25% of the Peacemaking offering to Madison Elementary School to help with the needs of the children who attend that school. As we transition from our blue hymnals to the new hymnals (expected to arrive sometime in October or November), Session approved the recommendation from the Worship & Music committee that members be given the opportunity to take home the blue hymnals. Donations will be accepted and the donated monies will be used to offset the cost of new pew Bibles. All committee chairs were informed that their 2014 budgets will be due by October 15. Session approved a request from Able to reserve the fellowship hall on Friday, Oct 25, on Friday, Dec 13, and on either Friday, Feb 7, or Friday, Feb 14.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

2013 Stewardship Update January 1 to September 30, 2013			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2013 Budget
Pledges	\$107,246.37	\$109,247.94	\$145,664.00
Other Income	\$23,833.52	\$44,999.19	\$59,999.00
Total Income	\$131,079.89	\$154,247.13	\$205,663.00
Total Expenses	\$138,334.86	\$154,245.51	\$205,663.00

Please be on the lookout for your stewardship packet to arrive this month! The Stewardship Committee will be contacting you to prayerfully consider your part in the life of Memorial Presbyterian Church.

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In the past few months, Memorial PC has sent five of our kids to Dwight Mission, three youth to Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and seven youth to YouthQuake. These were all fantastic, faith-building, life-changing opportunities, and each were GREAT successes.

As a result, our designated Camps and Conferences fund is quite low. If you feel strongly about the impact these events can have on our young people, please consider making an "above and beyond" donation to this fund.

Worship News

World Communion Sunday is October 6th and we, in common with others around the world, will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Please join us at 10:55 A.M. as we begin the service with a few minutes of gathering music from around the world to prepare our hearts, minds, spirits and voices for the worship of God. This service will include world liturgies, prayers, and hymns along with breads from different countries made by our own members. We will also be receiving the Peacemaking Offering. Thanks in advance to all those helping to make this a very inspirational service. Please join us and bring a friend!

Glory to God: We are waiting patiently (some of us, including myself, not so patiently) for the arrival of our new hymnals. Help may be needed to unload boxes and adhere bookplates, so be on the lookout for an "all call" in the next several weeks. The Worship and Music Committee will also be planning different activities to help introduce this wonderful new resource to the congregation. Be watching for those events! Sing Praises to the Lord!

Beginning this month, we will begin listing within the Messenger all of those who help in worship each month. Many duties have to be done in order for worship to happen, many of which go unnoticed. If you are not currently on any of the worship "lists" and would be willing to help, please speak with someone on the worship committee. Worship is the work of the people.

Lucy Lanning, Chair
Worship and Music Committee

October Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Joe Garlett

October 6	Communion Servers: Ann Forsyth, Charles and Jan Johnson, Harry Wright Ushers: John and Christy Masango Sound booth: Mike Girdner Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint Lock-up: Doug Forsyth
October 13	Ushers: Harry Wright and Donna Vint Sound booth: Tim Thiessen Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel Lock-up: Joe Garlett
October 20	Ushers: Lucy Lanning and Michael Yeager Sound booth: Dave Iske Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole Nursery: Karen Upton Lock-up: Mike Girdner
October 27	Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton Family Sound booth: Larry Upton Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

Dogs of Lexington



From left to right: veterinarian Dr. John Otto, Tucker and his trainer, Kay Stout of Second Chance Animal Sanctuary, & Harry Wright

Memorial was blessed to host a showing of *The Dogs of Lexington* on September 27, as well as a Blessing of Pets on September 29.



Pet Blessings



M.Y. GROUP NEWS



On Sunday, Sep 8th M.Y Group gathered at 5PM for fun, fellowship and food. The night centered on the theme **YOU ARE ACCEPTED**: "It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for." (Ephesians 1:11) We all want to be accepted and fit in. We heard the Good News that we already are accepted and already do fit in – by being believers and followers of Christ we're in!! Whew! Now we can get on with being the men/women Christ wants us to be.

M.Y Group also gathered on Sunday, Sep 29th 5-6:30PM for more activities. The theme was **YOU ARE A NEW CREATION**: Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

M.Y Group will meet October 13 (dinner provided by Karen Upton) and October 27 (dinner provided by Lisa Upton). The theme for the October 13 event is **YOU ARE CHOSEN**: "You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. He called you out of the darkness and into His wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)



Presents

Rita Nakashima Brock Lectures

3 Presentations with Discussion

November 1-2, 2013

Friday Evening: 7 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hosted by: Grace United Methodist Church

6316 N Tulsa Ave Oklahoma City, OK 73112

\$10 before October 15th \$15 after October 15th

Register online at www.okibl.org

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REGISTRATION FORM

Brock Lectures

Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury after War

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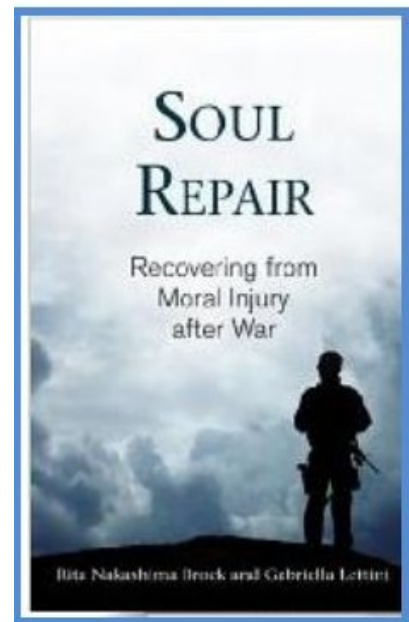
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*The first book to explore the idea
and effect of moral injury on veterans,
their families, and their communities.*

Although veterans make up only 7 percent of the U.S. population, they account for an alarming 20 percent of all suicides. And though treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder has undoubtedly alleviated suffering and allowed many service members returning from combat to transition to civilian life, the suicide rate for veterans under thirty has been increasing. Research by Veterans Administration health professionals and veterans' own experiences now suggest an ancient but unaddressed wound of war may be a factor: moral injury. This deep-seated sense of transgression includes feelings of shame, grief, meaninglessness, and remorse from having violated core moral beliefs.

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Eileen Burke
Lola Carroll
Bob Clarke
Melinda Clements
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Bill Silman
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Darrell Coit (Charlotte Lovett's step-father)
Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Susan Elaine Hayes (niece of Janice Crump)
Dottie Hinson (Karen Upton's mother)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
Peggy Strunk
Judy Talley-Dale (friend of Charlotte Lovett)
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

Those who grieve

Corey Fisher, on the loss of her grandfather
Family of E.W. Hanselman (Julie Forthman's father)
Erica Phelps, on the loss of her father
Family of Wayne Selvey (Tamara Iske's grandfather)
Family of Anna Yeba Titajangha (Esau Jangha's mother)



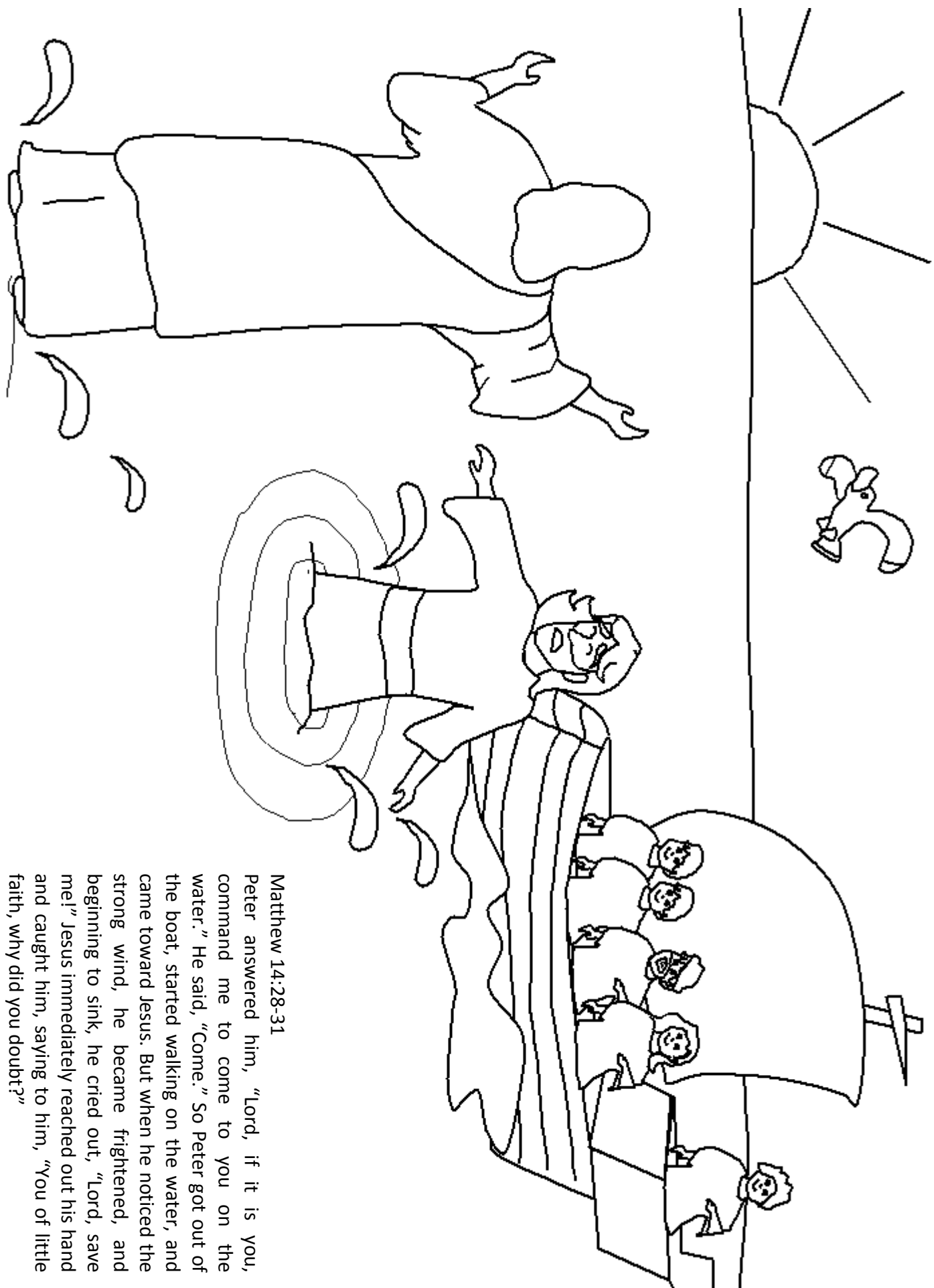
October Birthdays

- 1 Adrien (AJ) Roesel
- 9 Kevin Eckel
- 10 Bob Clarke
- 11 Christy Fisher
- 12 Trudy Beard
Amanda Bliss
- 13 Joe Garlett
- 15 Holly Forsyth
Jimmy Rambur
- 16 Tracy Evans
Aidyn Pennington
- 17 Bill Taylor
Dave Iske
- 18 Tim Thiessen
- 19 Leilund Autry
- 22 Erica Phelps
- 23 Caitlin Stensrud
- 28 Harry Wright

October Anniversaries

- 3 Ross & Barbara Robinson
- 10 Mike & Trudy Beard
- 11 Daniel & Michele Schaub

To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Janice Crump at:
janicec11@cox.net



Matthew 14:28-31

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:45-7:15 P.M. National Night Out	2 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters	3 10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study	4	5
6 10:55 A.M. Celeb- ration of the Lord's Supper	7 6:00 P.M. Worship & Music meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	8 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education meeting	9 3:15 P.M. No Kids' Club	10 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds meeting	11	12
13 5:00 P.M. Memorial Youth Group	14 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	15 7:00 P.M. Session meeting	16 7:00 P.M. No Chancel Choir	17 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study	18	19 8:00 A.M. Fall Clean Up Day
20 4:30 P.M. Deacons meeting 5:30 P.M. Steward- ship meeting	21 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	22	23	24 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study	25	26
27 5:00 P.M. Memorial Youth Group	28 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	29	30	31 10:30 A.M. Pastor's Bible Study  6:30-7:45 P.M. Trunk or Treat		

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.
Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Kids' Club 3:15 P.M.
Children's Choir 5:00 P.M.
Chancel Ringers 6:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.